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SUBJECT: LOS CONSULTATIONS WITH PANAMA

1. SUMMARY. US LOS TEAM CONSULTATIONS WERE LARGELY EDUCATIONAL EFFORT. PANAMA REPS DID LITTLE MORE THAN POSE QUESTIONS. THERE WILL BE SERIOUS POLITICAL DIFFICULTIES FOR PANAMA IN MOVING FROM A 200-MILE TERRITORIAL SEA TO RESOURCE JURISDICTION. END SUMMARY

2. PARTICIPANTS. US LOS TEAM MET ON APRIL 24 WITH OMAR JAEN, FOREIGN MINISTRY POLITICAL ADVISOR AND HEAD OF LOS WORKING GROUP; JORGE ILLUECA, POLITICAL ADVISOR; EMILIO ROYO, DEPUTY DIRECTOR, DEPT. OF INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS, CONFERENCES AND TREATY AFFAIRS; PROFESSOR HERMAN, UNIVERSITY OF PANMA; AND DEPRO BRIN, DEPUTY DIRECTOR, DEPT OF INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS, CONFERENCES AND TREATY AFFAIRS.

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3. TERRITORIAL SEA AND STRAITS. PANAMA HAS 200-MILE TERRITORIAL SEA YET JAEN STATED THAT PANAMA'S POSITION WAS "NOT IN CONFLICT WITH IDEA OF FREEDOM OF NAVIGATION." WE PRESSED ON TERRITORIAL ISSUES, AND THEY SEEMED (OR PRETENDED TO BE) UNAWARE OF SERIOUS DIFFERENCES IN LA VIEWS ON ISSUE, OR FACT THAT THEY ARE IN MINORITY. THEIR PREOCCUPATION IS WITH PANAMA CANAL, NOT STRAITS, AND HE STRESSED THAT CANAL MUST BE OPEN TO ALL FLAGS WITHOUT DISCREIMINATION. U.S. STRESSED DEPENDENCE OF PANAMA ON FREE NAVIGATION BUT WAS UNABLE TO CONDUCT MEANINGFUL DIALOGUE DUE TO PANAMANIAN LACK OF AUTHORITY TO DISCUSS SUBSTANCE PENDING FORMULATION OF CONFERENCE POSITION.

4. RESOURCE AREA. GOP REPS WERE CONCERNED ABOUT WHETHER PHRASE "FREEDOM OF NAVIGATION" IN ANY ZONE BEYOND 12 MILES WOULD INCLUDE FREEDOM OF FISHING. THEY ALSO ASKED WHETHER WARSHIPS WOULD BE ABLE TO CONDUCT MANEUVERS IN THE AREA (US MADE IT CLEAR WARSHIPS COULD MANEUVER). THEY QUESTIONED DESIRABILITY OF STANDARD FOR INTEGRITY OF FOREIGN INVESTMENT IN AREA BUT SEEMED TO AGREE WITH NEED FOR DISPUTE SETTLEMENT MACHINERY. THEY SEEMED TO HAVE DOUBTS ABOUT OUR SALMON POSITION.

5. MARINE POLLUTION AND SCIENTIFIC RESEARCH. HERMAN HAD REPRESENTED PANAMA AT 1973 IMCO MARINE POLLUTION CONFERENCE. HE WAS APPARENTLY UNDER IMPRESSION THAT VESSEL SOURCE POLLUTION WOULD NOT RPT NOT BE DISCUSSED AT LOS CONFERENCE. HE WAS APPARENTLY IMPRESSED BY A COMMUNICATION LAST FEBRUARY FROM AUSTRALIA THAT SUGGESTED INTERNATIONAL REGULATIONS IN A MARINE POLLUTION ZONE WOULD PER SE BE REASONABLE. AFTER PRESENTATION, JAEN REMARKED THAT US POSITION ON SCIENTIFIC RESEARCH WAS WELL-BALANCED BETWEEN INTERESTS OF COASTAL STATES AND INTERNATIONAL COMMUNITY. HE EXPRESSED APPRECIATION OF US EFFORTS IN COOPERATIVE SCIENTIFIC ENDEAVORS, AND REMARKED THAT PANAMA HAD PARTICIPATED.

6. IN LENGTHY DINNER CONVERSATION, JAEN WAS PESSIMISTIC ABOUT POLITICAL ABILITY OF PANAMA TO DROP 200-MILE TERRITORIAL SEA IN FAVOR OF RESOURCE JURISDICTION.
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